

He has been living in Britain since 1997 and has frequently criticized Rwanda's government for rights abuses.

"Take such remedial action as you see fit to increase your own safety measures, e.g., house burglar alarms, change of daily routines, always walk with an associate," said the warning letter. "It may even be that you decide that it is more appropriate for you to leave the area for the foreseeable future."

He said he had no plans to leave, but he was not ruling it out.

The other recipient of the warning, Jonathan Musonera, said he was a former Rwandan Army captain who fled to Britain in 2001 after defecting while the army was fighting in Congo. He said he was subsequently tortured by the Rwandan government. Now a critic of the government, he said the British police visited his home about an hour before the visit to Mr. Mugenzi.

"They told me about the Rwandan government," Mr. Musonera said, "that they put my life in danger and they were trying to kill me."

Critics of the Rwandan government have been killed or have simply vanished. Seth Sendashonga, a former member of the governing party, was fatally shot in Kenya in 1998. Augustin Cyiza, a former vice president of Rwanda's Supreme Court, disappeared and is believed to have been killed in 2003. Leonard Hitimana, an opposition politician, disappeared the same year.

A Rwandan journalist covering the apparent assassination attempt of the general in South Africa was shot dead the day his story was published. The shooting strained relations between South Africa and Rwanda, with South Africa recalling its ambassador in August.

Last month, *The Independent*, a British newspaper, reported that Britain's domestic intelligence service, MI5, had warned Rwanda's high commissioner in London that a harassment campaign against Rwandan dissidents must be stopped or more than \$100 million in foreign aid to Rwanda could be cut.

The Rwandan government has repeatedly denied that it represses its citizens or has had a hand in any of the attacks on high-profile dissidents.

**MR. DOUGLAS RAY BARR—IN
MEMORY OF HIS MORE THAN 32
YEARS OF SERVICE**

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I have the privilege of recognizing Douglas Ray Barr for his more than 32 years as a veteran of the fire service and 21 years as a veteran of the Violet Township Fire Department, and honoring his many accomplishments prior to his passing on February 27 of this year.

Douglas Ray Barr was born to Daniel and Julia Barr on July 20, 1958, in Pleasantville, Ohio where he grew up with his two younger brothers Keith and Brad. A gifted athlete, he played multiple sports at Fairfield Union High School as well as collegiate baseball at Otterbein University. After college, Douglas followed his love of working with kids by teaching students with learning disabilities at his alma mater, Fairfield Union High School, and P.E. at Pleasantville Elementary School before entering the fire service in 1978.

Doug began his firefighting career with the Pleasantville Fire Department and the Newark Air Force base where he volunteered for 12 years. He began working at the Violet Township Fire Department in 1990 where he was promoted to Lieutenant in 1996, and Assistant Chief in 2008.

Doug was extremely active in the community as well. He was very active in organizations such as the United Way, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce and the Central Ohio Fire Chiefs Association, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, and the Fairfield Union Local School District board of education where he served as a member from 2002 to 2009. He was also an instructor for the Ohio Fire Academy and Eastland Vocational School for fire and EMS training.

Among his numerous achievements, Douglas received the American Red Cross Safety Hero award in 2006 and was a two-time recipient of the Knights of Columbus Blue Coat Award for his invaluable contributions.

On Sunday, February 27, 2011, Douglas Barr passed away at the age of 52, at Fairfield Medical Center surrounded by family and friends. We are all eternally grateful for the countless hours he spent during his 24 years of service.

Douglas Barr was a man dedicated to his friends, family and community. His family remembers him as always putting others first and for the pride he took in his job as Assistant Fire Chief.

Douglas Barr has been regarded as selfless, courageous, driven and flexible by his friends and co-workers. It is these attributes that make Douglas Barr truly representative of America.

Douglas Barr will be remembered for his selflessness, his bravery and for his life of service to his community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to explain my absence from votes cast on the evening of May 25, 2011. My voting percentage is 97.5 percent for the 112th Congress, and I rarely miss votes, but due to a prior commitment scheduled before we knew the House would be in session late tonight, I was required to fly back to Houston and miss the vote to concur with Senate amendments to the PATRIOT Act.

On the vote I missed:

To approve and concur with the Senate amendments on the PATRIOT Act, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

And on final passage of the PATRIOT Act, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

RECOGNIZING BEVERLY MAYO AS
THE 2011 FLORIDA BIG SISTER
OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Beverly Mayo as the 2011 Florida Big Sister of the Year. For ten years, Ms. Mayo has been an inspiration to young women, her colleagues, and the Northwest Florida community. I am honored to recognize her achievements.

The children of today are the leaders of tomorrow, and these young men and women look to the adults in their lives for support and guidance. Ms. Mayo understands how vital it is for children to have positive role models in their lives. Her solid character, invaluable advice and kind heart exemplify the characteristics of a Big Sister. Through her tireless dedication, Beverly Mayo has made an incredible impact on the lives of these young women, providing them a strong foundation for their future success. I am confident that her influence will continue to inspire them to achieve excellence as they grow to lead and serve our great nation.

Volunteers of Big Brothers Big Sisters play an integral role in the lives of all the young men and women of whom they mentor. Every year, thousands of people volunteer their service to this important organization. Last year, in Florida alone, over 15,000 men and women served as Big Brothers or Big Sisters, and from this exemplary group Beverly Mayo was selected as the Florida Big Sister of the Year. This honor is a reflection of the enduring impact Ms. Mayo has made in the lives of her Little Sisters, and Northwest Florida is blessed to have her a part of its community.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to honor Beverly Mayo for her accomplishments and her continuing commitment to the youth of Florida.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, May 24 at 6 p.m. through the morning of Wednesday, May 25, I was unavoidably detained in Chicago, Illinois for personal reasons, resulting in my absence from recorded votes for H.R. 1216, to amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical education in qualified teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations.

If present I would have recorded my votes as the following: on rollcall vote 335 "aye"; on rollcall vote 336 "aye"; on rollcall vote 337 "aye"; on rollcall vote 338 "no"; on rollcall vote 339 "aye"; on rollcall vote 340 "no."

IN HONOR OF AVA BERRY TURNER
ON THE OCCASION OF HER RE-
TIREMENT

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated individual, a proud veteran, and an exemplary civil servant, Ms. Ava Berry Turner. She is retiring after almost thirty-five years of dedicated service to her country.

Ms. Turner has served her country in a number of ways over the last four decades. In 1974, she enlisted in the U.S. Army, where she rose through the ranks to serve as a Supply Sergeant. She honed her excellent communication skills in the Army and became an Army communications specialist. She was honorably discharged in 1980, and then went on to pursue academic endeavors, utilizing benefits under the GI bill.

In 1982, she enrolled at the North Carolina Central University in Durham. She graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1985, majoring in Public Administration, with a minor in Business Administration, and then began work at the Internal Revenue Service. She rose through the ranks of the IRS, starting her career as a Revenue Officer and advancing to the position of Bankruptcy Specialist. From there, she became Assistant Problem Resolution Officer, then Problem Resolution Officer. She was appointed to serve as the Local Taxpayer Advocate for the State of Arizona, then promoted to the national headquarters of the Taxpayer Advocate Office in Washington, DC, where she was the Manager in Systemic Advocacy, followed by appointment as the Manager in the office of Low Income Tax Payer Clinics.

Using her exceptional communication and management skills, she now serves as a Senior Program Analyst in Technical Analysis and Guidance. Her colleagues describe her work as outstanding, and her accomplishments are the result of years of hard work and dedication to her chosen profession.

There is no doubt that her service will continue, even into her retirement. She will be greatly missed by her colleagues at the Internal Revenue Service. It will be difficult to replace her, but her incredible work ethic is an inspiration to those who have served with her.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to stand before you today to congratulate Ms. Ava Berry Turner on her retirement and to thank her for her many years of distinguished service to our nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I am recorded as voting "aye" on rollcall vote No. 344; this was inadvertent. I intended to vote "no," as I do not support Congressman HUNTER's amendment (#12) to H.R. 1540. Amendment #12 would create a five-year pilot program to provide school vouchers set at \$7,500.00 to dependent children with special

needs for the purpose of attending a public, private, or charter school of choice.

Because I oppose this initiative, I ask the record to reflect my intention to vote as follows:

1. On rollcall No. 344, I intended to vote "no." Hunter Amendment (#11) to H.R. 1540.

INTRODUCTION OF THE EXPE-
DITING AGRICULTURE THROUGH
SCIENCE (EATS) ACT

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss an issue of great importance to family farmers and agricultural businesses. The world's population is predicted to be 9.1 billion by 2050, greatly straining the world's food supply. Family Farmers across this country will lead the world in the production of a safe, secure food supply. In order for tomorrow's agriculture community to meet the need of an ever growing population, we must have a clearly defined timetable for agriculture's biotechnology approval process, while ensuring the safety of our environment. This reason for this is simple; it is the law of supply and demand. As demand for food rises, more efficient, higher yielding crops, which are more resistant to weeds and pests will be needed to feed 9.1 billion people. Providing a defined timetable for the approval process of agriculture biotechnology will provide certainty to make decisions and encourage companies to make investments in biotechnology products, which in turn will create jobs and provide the United States with the ability to meet the world's food needs.

The Plant Protection Act of 2000 (7 USC §7701 et seq.) as amended, directs the Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to regulate biotech organisms and plants in order to ensure no biotech product poses a risk to the environment. However, the regulatory uncertainty created by APHIS not following their own timetable hinders job creation and stifles innovative agriculture breakthroughs that will lead to a safer, more secure food supply. That is why I am proud to introduce the Expediting Agriculture Through Science Act, otherwise known as the EATS Act, which clearly defines the amount of time to approve or deny a petition for non-regulated status for biotech crops. Countries throughout the world are developing and implementing biotech crops that produce more and cost less. In today's global economy, Congress must act quickly to ensure family farmers in the United States maintain their superiority in the biotech field and continue to compete globally.

A clearly defined timetable to approve a petition for biotech crops allows businesses to plan and invest in the biotech field while maintaining the protections needed to ensure any biotech product introduced into the environment poses no threat to the environment. The EATS Act will simply codify the current time limit in §340.6 of the Federal Code of Regulations, which is currently 180 days. Under current agency practice, APHIS is not following the 180 day time limit for approval or denial of the petition. The EATS Act gives APHIS 180

days to approve or deny a petition for non-regulated status with an additional 60 days if needed to ensure the safety of our environment and compliance is met before deeming the petition approved.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the House (and Senate) to support me in passing the EATS Act in order to ensure the agricultural community can compete globally and meet the food supply needs of the world.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST
HOSPITAL IN JOHNSON CITY,
TENNESSEE

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 100th anniversary earlier this month of the construction of the first hospital in Johnson City, Tennessee. Johnson City Memorial Hospital opened on May 10, 1911, as a 10-bed facility in a white, wooden-framed house. High demand for medical care would lead to larger facilities, culminating with Johnson City Medical Center.

Today, JCMC serves 29 counties and a population of more than 1.1 million people in four states with its Level 1 trauma program, the region's top heart program, a comprehensive cancer center, the region's state-designated perinatal center, and Wings Air Rescue.

This facility, and the evolution of health care in Northeast Tennessee, illustrates the effect of consumer demand on health care, and its power to improve it. It did not take a 2,000 page bill for this network to evolve. Instead, medical professionals and members of the local community did what was necessary to meet changing needs. I congratulate Johnson City Medical Center on its 100 year anniversary, and wish it further success in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, from Wednesday, May 25 until Thursday, May 26 at 3 p.m., I was unavoidably detained in Chicago, Illinois for personal reasons, and missed recorded votes for H. Res. 276, and H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.

If present, I would have recorded my votes as the following: on rollcall vote 341 "no"; on rollcall vote 342 "no"; on rollcall vote 343 "aye"; on rollcall vote 344 "no"; on rollcall vote 345 "aye"; on rollcall vote 346 "aye"; on rollcall vote 347 "no"; on rollcall vote 348 "aye"; on rollcall vote 349 "aye"; on rollcall vote 350 "aye"; on rollcall vote 351 "aye"; on rollcall vote 352 "aye"; on rollcall vote 353 "aye"; on rollcall vote 354 "no"; on rollcall vote 355 "no"; on rollcall vote 356 "aye"; on rollcall vote 357 "no"; on rollcall vote 358 "aye"; on rollcall vote 359 "no"; on rollcall vote 360 "aye"; on rollcall vote 361 "aye"; on